

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 8th 2000

Monaghan Rally

The Monaghan radio rally will take place in the Four Seasons Hotel in Monaghan on Sunday the 22nd of October.

Doors will open at 11:30 and all the usual excellent facilities will be available.

South Dublin News

On Tuesday next, 10th October, Joe Ryan EI7GY will be giving a talk on the IOTA programme at the South Dublin Radio Club QTH, which is in the Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham. The talk will commence at 8.30 pm, and visitors are, of course, welcome.

Theory classes will commence in the club on the following Tuesday, 17th October. Last year, six members of the club received their licences, and the club hopes to repeat this success in the current year.

New members are very welcome.

IRTS Web Page

Problems were encountered with the Society's Web Page over recent weeks and it eventually was taken off service on Saturday week last.

This problem was due to a misunderstanding with the service provider in the U.S. and as we write this on Tuesday night last, we expect it to be back in service shortly.

This was completely outside the control of our Webmaster Leslie Long and we apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Steps are being taken to ensure that this does not happen again.

Tir Chonaill Radio Society

The Tir Chonaill Amateur Radio Society held its A.G.M in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey on Wednesday night the 27th of September.

Congratulations were extended to Ken EI4DW on being in second place in the CQ WW SSB contest of 1999 and to Martin EI8GP who received his certificate in June 2000 for being first in Ireland and fourth in the world in the 1998 CQ WW Contest.

The meeting was well attended and the following officers were elected;

President Frank EI6EI Chairman Danny EI6GS Secretary Leo EI6IT Treasurers Martin EI8GP and Joe, SWL.

IRTS Members Handbook

The IRTS members Handbook will be going to print shortly and club secretaries are asked to return the questionnaire, sent to them by the secretary, immediately.

Failure to do so will result in your club not being listed in the handbook.

Any last minute change of address details should be sent to Joe Ryan EI7GY immediately.

Upcoming Contests

The Oceania CW DX contest will be held next weekend on the 14th and 15th.

The CW Autumn Sprint event will be held on Saturday next October the 14th running from 1500 to 1859 utc.

The RSGB 21 and 28MHz CW Contest will be held on Sunday next the 15th, starting at 0700 and finishing at 1900.

On the weekend after next, the Worked All Germany Contests will be the main event. This one runs for 1500utc on Saturday the 21st to 1500utc on Sunday the 22nd and it caters for both CW and phone operators.

The biggest contest of the year, the CQ Worldwide SSB Contest will be held over 48 hours on the 28th and 29th. There are lots of different categories in this from single band entries to multi-multi efforts.

The CW version of this contest will be held on November the 25th and 26th.

Jamboree On The Air

By now, all intending participants in Jamboree on the Air should have their applications submitted for the special event licences.

Please keep the QSL service informed of the callsigns and QSL managers as there are large quantities of cards for special event stations still in the system due to lack of QSL information.

Jamboree will be held over the weekend of October the 21st and 22nd.

Please keep the news services informed of your plans.

DX News

Some bad news for DXers just as we go to press. The 3B6RF operation which should by now be in full flight has had to be abandoned.

Their landing permit for Agalega was cancelled, due to unexpected elections in Mauritius which took place in the middle of September. Officials of the new Mauritius Government asked them to postpone the expedition for security reasons.

The expedition has been re-scheduled for May of next year.

The latest press release by the Kingman Reef/Palmyra DX Group and Garry Shapiro, NI6T, states preparations are well advanced for the Kingman Reef DXpedition in mid-October.

New Radio News Editor

With immediate effect, the radio news script will be produced in Waterford, by Mark Wall EI7IS.

All input for next week's bulletin should be sent to Mark at QTHR or by e-mail to EI7IS@qsl.net.

Mark can be contacted by phone on 086-6302026

Items for inclusion in the next issue of Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave

EI4BZ at 021-883555 in the evenings or by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net Dave is also available during office hours at 021-823172 and you can fax him at 021-823316.

The outgoing news team from East Cork would like to express their thanks to all who helped with the production and reading of the news over the years.

We wish Mark EI7IS well in his new post.

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